

REMARKS

I. INTRODUCTION

In response to the Office Action dated July 28, 2005, claims 24, 32, 42, and 45 have been amended and claims 41 and 44 have been cancelled. Claims 24-40, 42-43, and 45-46 remain in the application. Entry of these amendments, and re-consideration of the application, as amended, is requested.

II. CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Applicant's attorney has made amendments to the claims as indicated above. These amendments merely incorporated allowable subject matter from the dependent claims into independent claims.

III. ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

In paragraph 18 on page 9 of the Office Action, claims 41-42 and 44-45 were merely objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicants have amended claims 24 and 32 to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claims 41 and 44. In addition, Applicants have amended claims 44-45 into independent form. Accordingly, Applicants submit that the claims contain allowable subject matter as set forth in the final Office Action and such allowance is respectfully requested.

Further, dependent claims 25-31 and 33-40, 43 and 46 are submitted to be allowable over the cited art in the same manner, because they are dependent on independent claims 24 and 32, respectively, and because they contain all the limitations of the independent claims. In addition, dependent claims 25-31 and 33-40, 43 and 46 recite additional novel elements not shown by the cited art.

IV. CONCLUSION

In view of the above, it is submitted that this application is now in good order for allowance and such allowance is respectfully solicited. Should the Examiner believe minor matters still remain that can be resolved in a telephone interview, the Examiner is urged to call Applicant's undersigned attorney.

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